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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1910

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1910 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Rescue Squad Districts Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 11.5 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 2005/11.5 new)

7 Sec. 11.5. Emergency ambulance service tax.

8 (a) The board of trustees of any rescue squad district  
9 incorporated under this Act is authorized under the terms and  
10 conditions set out in this Section to provide emergency  
11 ambulance service to or from points within or without the  
12 district, to contract with providers of emergency ambulance  
13 service, to combine with other units of governments for the  
14 purpose of providing emergency ambulance service, to levy a tax  
15 for the provision of such service, and to adopt rules and  
16 regulations relating to emergency ambulance service within its

1 jurisdiction.

2 (b) It is declared as a matter of public policy:

3 (1) that, in order to preserve, protect, and promote  
4 the public health, safety, and general welfare, adequate  
5 and continuing emergency ambulance service should be  
6 available to every citizen of Illinois;

7 (2) that, insofar as it is economically feasible,  
8 emergency ambulance service should be provided by private  
9 enterprise; and

10 (3) that, in the event adequate and continuing  
11 emergency ambulance services do not exist, rescue squad  
12 districts should be authorized to provide, and shall cause  
13 to be provided, emergency ambulance service as a public  
14 responsibility.

15 (c) Whenever the board of trustees of a rescue squad  
16 district desires to levy a special tax to provide an ambulance  
17 service, it shall certify the question to the proper election  
18 officials, who shall submit that question at an election to the  
19 voters of the district. The result of the referendum shall be  
20 entered upon the records of the district. If a majority of the  
21 votes on the proposition are in favor of the proposition, the  
22 board of trustees may then levy a special tax at a rate not to  
23 exceed 0.40% of the value of all taxable property within the  
24 district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue.  
25 The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

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1           Shall the .... Rescue Squad  
 2           District levy a special tax at a rate           YES  
 3           not to exceed 0.40% of the value of all  
 4           taxable property within the district as           -----  
 5           equalized or assessed by the Department  
 6           of Revenue for the purpose of providing           NO  
 7           an emergency ambulance service?

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 9           (d) If it appears that a majority of all valid votes cast  
 10           on the proposition are in favor of levying a special tax to pay  
 11           for emergency ambulance services, the board of trustees may  
 12           levy and collect an annual tax for the purpose of providing  
 13           ambulance service under this Act to be extended at a rate not  
 14           to exceed 0.40% of the full fair cash value of the taxable  
 15           property within the governmental unit as assessed or equalized  
 16           by the Department of Revenue. This annual tax shall be in  
 17           addition to the other taxes a rescue squad district may levy  
 18           for its corporate purposes.

19           (e) Any board of trustees may:

- 20           (1) provide or operate an emergency ambulance service;  
 21           (2) contract with a private person, hospital,  
 22           corporation, or another governmental unit for the  
 23           provision and operation of emergency ambulance service or  
 24           subsidize the emergency ambulance service;  
 25           (3) limit the number of emergency ambulance services;  
 26           (4) within its jurisdiction, fix, charge, and collect

1       fees for emergency ambulance service within or outside of  
2       the rescue squad district not exceeding the reasonable cost  
3       of the service;

4       (5) establish necessary regulations not inconsistent  
5       with the statutes or rules of the Department of Public  
6       Health relating to emergency ambulance service; and

7       (6) the trustees shall have the power identified in  
8       paragraphs (3) and (5) only if the district has passed the  
9       referendum provided for in this Section.

10       (f) In this Section:

11       "Emergency ambulance service" includes, without  
12       limitation, pre-hospital medical services.

13       "Pre-hospital medical services" includes emergency  
14       services performed by a paramedic or other on-board emergency  
15       personnel that are within the scope of the provider's license.

16       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17       becoming law."